



Editorial

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After six years of publishing *BuR – Business Research* the journal has established itself as an outlet for high-quality research in all fields of business research. The journal is ranked B in Jourqual 2.1 and offers a two-year impact factor for 2012 of 1.95 based on Google Scholar. So far, twelve issues have been published directly on the website www.business-research.org by the German Academic Association of Business Research (VHB). In order to enhance the prospects of *BuR – Business Research*, the society has decided to move it to a professional publisher. From 2014 on, our journal will be published by Springer, but will remain an open-access journal where thanks to the substantial sponsoring activities by industry all articles are free of charge for authors and readers. The change to Springer allows for:

- the use of the professional electronic submission and review platform “Editorial Manager”,
- professional copy editing,
- greater international visibility, and
- a potential wider international dissemination of the articles in *BuR – Business Research*.

We hope that this will make our journal even more attractive. With an average of 38 days’ review time and the policy to decide within two rounds whether a manuscript can be accepted for publication *BuR – Business Research* offers attractive conditions for

authors. *BuR – Business Research* is open to all subjects in business administration that contribute to a better understanding of problems in business which is supported by executive summaries directed to the needs of practitioners. Please continue to submit your best research to *BuR – Business Research*. You will find more information on how to submit on our website www.business-research.org, which will remain online after the change.

We would also like to inform you that our department editor of Operations and Information Systems, Karl Inderfurth from the Otto Guericke University in Magdeburg will retire as scheduled on December 31, 2013. We would like to take this opportunity to express our sincere thanks and appreciation to Karl for the service he has given us in the last seven years.

At the same time, we are happy to announce that in 2014, Stefan Minner will take over as department editor. Stefan holds the chair for Logistics and Supply Chain Management at the Technische Universität München. He brings considerable experience from his time as Editor-in-Chief of the renowned *OR Spectrum* and will support our best efforts to expand *BuR – Business Research*’s position as an attractive, high-profile journal for research in business administration.

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